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☒ original patent application,  
☐ continuation-in-part application

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TITLE: STORAGE DEVICE INCLUDING A PROBE HAVING AN ELECTRICALLY CONDUCTIVE TIP  
PORTION FOR ELECTRICAL CONTACT WITH A STORAGE MEDIUM

Enclosed are:

☒ The Declaration and Power of Attorney. ☒ signed ☐ unsigned or partially signed  
☒ 3 sheets of drawings (one set) ☐ Associate Power of Attorney  
☐ Form PTO-1449 ☒ Information Disclosure Statement and Form PTO-1449  
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